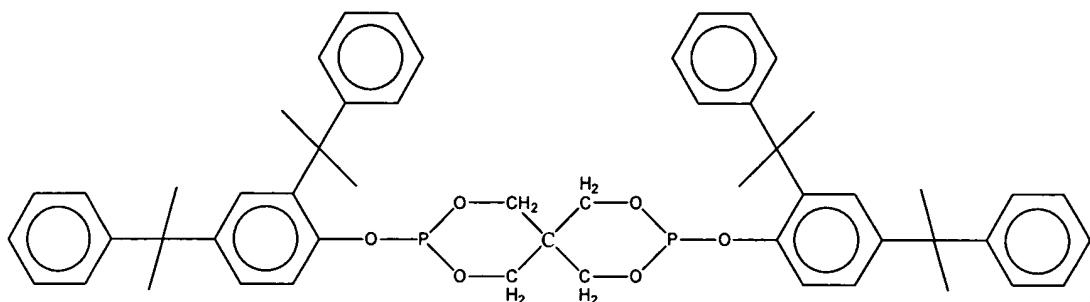


Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph in the specification on page 4, lines 14-18, with the following amended paragraph:

--Bis(2,4-dicumylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite has the formula:



Bis(2,4-dicumylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite can be obtained commercially under the trademark name of Doverphos S-9228 from Dover Chemical Company in Dover, Ohio---

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19, and ending on page 5, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

--Bis(2,4-dicumylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite is present in the polyolefin composition in a suitable amount to prevent degradation of the polyolefin component. Generally, bis(2,4-dicumylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite can be present in an amount within a range of about 100 mg/kg to about 5,000 mg/kg based on the mass of the polyolefin component without additives. Concentrations below 100 mg/kg can be insufficient to prevent degradation. Amounts above 5,000 mg/kg can exceed U.S. Food and Drug Administration limitations, can increase costs, and can provide no additional benefit to prevent degradation. Preferably, bis(2,4-dicumylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite is added in an amount within a range of about 100 mg/kg to about 2000 mg/kg based on the mass of the polyolefin component without additives, most preferably, within a

range of 100 mg/kg to 1500 mg/kg based on the mass of the polyolefin component without additives. These preferred ranges are optimum since they substantially prevent degradation at a minimal cost.--

Please replace the paragraph in the specification on page 6, lines 4-11, with the following amended paragraph:

--Generally, the hydrotalcite component is present in an amount less than about 500 mg/kg based on the mass of the polyolefin component without additives. Preferably, said hydrotalcite component is present in an amount within the range of about 10 mg/kg to about 300 mg/kg based on the mass of the polyolefin component without additives. Most preferably, the hydrotalcite component is present in an amount within a range of 10 mg/kg to 150 mg/kg based on the mass of the polyolefin component without additives. These preferred ranges efficiently extends extend the life of the bis(2,4-dicumylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite in the polyolefin composition.--

Please replace the paragraph in the specification on page 11, lines 20-23, with the following amended paragraph:

--These comparative examples show that without the combination of triisopropanolamine, a hydrotalcite component, and at least one phenol component, the bis(2,4-dicumylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite degrades in the polyolefin composition, which then subjects the polyolefin composition to degradation.--